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In re application of

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Michio ASANO, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1713

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Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

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For: LOW-ELECTROSTATICALLY-CHARGING GRANULAR
POLYTETRAFLUORETHYLENE POWDER AND PREPARATION PROCESS OF
SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of May 9, 2003, please consider Applicants remarks as follows:

Preliminarily, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document from the International Bureau.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Claims 8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 6,037,402 to Asano et al. The basis for rejection was that the prior art is said to show each of the claimed ingredients such